

Charges Filed in Route 53 Crash

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A Wednesday afternoon crash at the intersection of Route 53 and Franklin Street sent two people to the hospital and upended a bulldozer.

Police and fire crews, along with Verizon and NStar workers, were called to the scene as the bulldozer crashed into a telephone pole and knocked out power in the area.

A 2004 Dodge Dakota pickup truck driven by Claire McKinnon, 17, of Hanson, ignored a stop sign on Franklin Street and crashed into the side of a dump truck/flatbed truck from the company Fred E. Nava and Sons, which was carrying the bulldozer, according to Duxbury Police. The pickup truck was then dragged for a short time, knocking the bulldozer off the truck and into the telephone pole.

A passenger in the pickup truck, Michael Ciano, 17, of Hanson, was transported to Mass. General in Boston via MedFlight helicopter. He was treated in the emergency room and released, according to a hospital spokeswoman. McKinnon was transported by ambulance to Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. A third passenger was unharmed. The driver of the dump truck, Dana Duperre, 53, of Kingston, and a 12-year-old passenger were also uninjured.

McKinnon was charged by Duxbury Police with negligent operation, and cited for a stop sign and right of way violation, said Lt. Lewis Chubb of the Duxbury Police.

A spill cleanup truck was called in, said Duxbury Fire Chief Kevin Nord, after 30-40 gallons of diesel fuel were released from the flatbed truck's tanks.



This bulldozer was knocked off a truck during the accident. Luckily, no one was inside the bulldozer, although two people inside the other vehicle were injured.

Neighbor Cindy Buckley said accidents at the intersection are too common, and she would like to see a light installed.

"You hear the screeching and steel yourself for the boom," she said. "Something has to be done about this."

Duperre was also cited by the State Police Truck Team for an equipment violation, said Chubb. He added that the State Police ruled the violation was not the cause of the accident.

A third vehicle that had been traveling with McKinnon's truck was also cited with a stop sign violation, said Chubb. This vehicle also ran the stop sign ahead of the pickup truck but avoided the accident, he said. The driver's name was not released.



Police and utility crews assess the accident and subsequent damage while closing off the road.



A MedFlight helicopter picks up one of the crash victims after landing at the Chandler School.

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